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MUCH GOOD RESULTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION FULL OF INTEREST.

Mr. Frank Brown Elected President for Ensuing Year to Succeed Mr. Seymour.

The tenth annual convention of the Polk County Sunday School association met in the Christian church at Monmouth on Saturday, February 13, and was called to order at 10 a. m. by the president, H. C. Seymour. The opening devotional service was conducted by Rev. H. F. Jones of Monmouth in the absence of Rev. Fisher, owing to the death of his mother. This service consisted of songs, scripture readings and comment, and several short prayers.

Immediately after this service Rev. Chas. A. Phipps, secretary of the State Sunday school association, gave an address, "State-wide Vision of the Bible School," first by telling of the work of the state association, then of the work of the various counties, and by answering questions on Sunday school work asked by those present. The formal session of the morning was dismissed by Rev. Stewart of Independence, after which was the registration and assignment of delegates.

The convention was again called to order at 1:30 p. m. and a short devotional service was led by Rev. Stewart. At 1:55 the chairman appointed the following committees: Resolutions, E. A. Tedrow, Cecil Riggs and Mrs. Bonnie Smith; nominations, Rev. W. C. Stewart, Howard Zinser, and W. H. Mack.

S. A. Ramsdell of Dallas gave an interesting and helpful address on "How to Win the Boy and the Girl in the Bible School for the Church." Rev. Phipps then conducted a round-table discussion. Printed cards with numbered questions, covering every phase of Sunday school work and comprising all problems arising in such work, were handed to all present and as these numbers were called by anyone so desiring the questions were answered by Mr. Phipps. This was one of the most instructive features of the convention.

After an intermission of fifteen minutes the annual business meeting of the association convened. The minutes of last year's convention at Falls City were read and approved as was also the treasurer's report. This showed the financial condition of the association to be in good shape—all expenses paid, eighty dollars paid to state work and a small balance in the treasury. The reports from the sixteen schools represented show that the work over the county is growing and much good is being done.

The nominating committee proposed the following names as officers, all of which were unanimously elected: President, Frank Brown, Dallas; first vice-president, G. A. McKinlay, Salem; second vice-president, S. A. Ramsdell, Dallas; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Addie Holman, Dallas; elementary superintendent, Mrs. Bonnie Smith, Dallas; secondary superintendent, Cecil Riggs, Rieckreall; adult superintendent, M. Ingemannson, Independence; teacher training superintendent, Mrs. C. C. Curtis, Dallas; temperance superintendent, Mr. Aliee Kurre, Independence; missions superintendent, Mrs. M. J. Reed, Monmouth; evangelism superintendent, W. F. Fisher, Monmouth; county delegate state convention, J. G. Van Orsdel, Dallas.

Resolutions.

The report of the resolutions committee as it was adopted at the close of the convention is given below:

Feeling the need of a closer organization in the county and that our rural schools need a greater opportunity for instruction, therefore, we recommend the local institute plan under the direction of the county executive committee.

That we urge the Sunday schools to be more prompt in their reports and remittances, thereby securing the help of the state officers in our local institute work.

That the schools be asked to contribute five cents per capita per average attendance to county and state work for 1915.

That we pay the state association in 1915 \$80, the same as in 1914.

That we recommend to the schools of county the offer made by the state library commission in regard to Sunday school library and would suggest that they avail themselves of this opportunity for information.

We recommend that the next convention be held in November.

Be it also resolved, that we heartily thank the good people of Monmouth for their welcome and hospitality, and

the members of the Christian church for the use of their place of worship; also the janitor of the same for his close attention as to the comfort of the delegates while in session.

We also appreciate all the help of the christian workers who have helped make this convention a success.

Be it further resolved, that as we very greatly enjoyed the selections rendered by them, we do hereby extend our most sincere thanks to Miss Hohann and the Normal school orchestra for their services at the evening session.

Dallas was chosen the place for the next county convention. Mrs. Reed of Monmouth gave her report as superintendent of the home department, which was accepted. Adjourned till evening session.

At 7:30 the Normal orchestra under the direction of Miss Hohann, rendered three highly entertaining selections, followed by a song service led by Rev. Jones. Rev. Phipps gave his (Continued on page two.)

ENTERS OPEN SWITCH

RAILROAD ACCIDENT AT PERRYDALE ON MONDAY.

Passenger Train Derailed, But No Injury to Person or Damage to Property Reported.

The board of inquiry, consisting of F. L. Burckhalter, Chas. McCann, H. J. Elliott, George Wild and F. Montgomery, has rendered its report on the railway accident at Perrydale on Monday, when passenger train No. 351 was derailed without loss of property or injury to person. The engine and baggage car were derailed at facing point of the switch of McKee's warehouse spur, about one-quarter of a mile west of Perrydale, due to the switch being half open when the train approached. The engineer saw the half-open switch and applied the brakes, but the engine ran about one hundred feet past the point of the switch. The half-open switch was caused by connecting rod bolt, i. e., the bolt holding the connecting rod and tie rod together being out of place. It was found lying between the head blocks immediately after the derailment. When the bolt is in thoroughly good condition the nut fits tightly and the cotter key was in place on Sunday, the day previous, according to testimony of the section foreman and the track walker.

WANT GERLINGER FOR MAYOR.

May Petition Millman to Become Candidate for Chief Executive.

There now appears to be a well defined movement to prevail upon Mr. George Gerlinger to become a candidate for the mayoralty at the April election, the business interests of the community believing that a representative businessman should be at the head of the municipal government at this time. It goes without saying that Mr. Gerlinger will necessarily have to be "prevailed" upon to consider accepting the office of chief executive, he having his own large lumbering interests here to give attention, but those who are anxious to have him at the head of the local government believe that if appealed to he would not turn the cold shoulder. It is highly probable that a petition will be circulated among the foremost citizens of Dallas within a few days requesting Mr. Gerlinger to become a candidate for the place.

Naval Militia to Remain.

Influenced by the appeal of Secretary of Navy Daniels not to abolish the Oregon naval militia and by the stand taken in favor of its retention by the governor and adjutant general of Oregon the house today passed a bill re-organizing but not abolishing that branch of the national guard. Early in the legislative session, a bill was introduced to do away with the naval militia principally on the grounds of economy.

Work on Road Begun.

The work of clearing the right of way for the new road from Falls City to meet the Lincoln county road to Newport was inaugurated this week, and will be rushed as rapidly as possible in the hope of having the route completed for travel this season. Several of the heavy grades will be eliminated.

Teachers' Fees Lowered.

A bill passing both houses reduces the fees for teachers who take the state examination. It reduces the fee for the life certificate from \$6 to \$3, for the five-year certificate from \$4 to \$2, for the renewal one-year certificate from \$2 to \$1, and for special certificate from \$6 to \$3.

WOULD RECOVER BABE

MILT GRANT MADE DEFENDANT IN HABEAS CORPUS SUIT.

Mrs. Mollie Bowers of Portland Seeks to Gain Possession of Four-Year-Old Daughter.

Milt B. Grant of this city is made a defendant in proceedings instituted this week in the circuit court of Polk county in habeas corpus by Mrs. Mollie Bowers of Portland, through her attorneys, Walter Evans, district attorney of Multnomah county, C. W. Robinson, deputy district attorney of Multnomah county, and Walter L. Tooez, Jr., of Dallas. Mrs. Bowers alleges in her petition that Mr. Grant is illegally restraining and detaining from her liberty one Marion Bowers, a girl four years, the daughter of Mrs. Bowers.

This case occupied the limelight in this city some five months ago, when Mrs. Bowers came to Dallas and forcibly took possession of the child in question and sought to escape with it by automobile. As a driver of the machine she had a deputy sheriff, and before making good her escape was intercepted at the West Salem end of the bridge crossing the Willamette into Salem, and by the driver of the machine returned to Dallas. At that time proceedings were instituted in the county court of Polk county seeking to hold the child as a dependent. The case was bitterly contested, attorneys representing Mrs. Bowers claiming that the local court was without jurisdiction. Judge Teal decided in favor of the jurisdiction of his court and made a finding committing the child temporarily to the custody of Mr. Grant.

The contention is made that in 1913, proceedings were instituted in the juvenile department of the circuit court of Multnomah county to declare this child a dependent. At that time she was held to be a dependent child and was, by order of the court, made a ward of the court, and turned over to the custody of its mother, Mollie Bowers, subject to the further order of that court. It was while this order was still in effect that the local court took jurisdiction. The juvenile court of Multnomah county, in the protection of its own jurisdiction, sent Mr. Robinson to Dallas to contest the matter. Mr. Tooez of Dallas was also asked to represent the Portland court.

It is for the purpose of establishing beyond all question the jurisdiction of juvenile courts over persons made wards of the court that the present proceeding is being brought. Though in the name of Mrs. Bowers and indirectly for her benefit, the big issue involved is the question of jurisdiction. The matter will be watched with much interest as it will affect every juvenile court in the state. In the petition it is alleged that the county court of Polk county was wholly without jurisdiction, and its order and judgment was wholly void and of no effect. The case will involve simply a question of law, and will be heard before Judge Belt.

FERN MAY LOSE HER JOB.

One Commissioner to Administer Compensation Act.

The senate passed Representative Schuebel's workmen's compensation bill with amendments, abolishing the present industrial accident commission and providing for appointment of one commissioner by the governor. An emergency clause was attached. If the house concurs Miss Fern Hobbs will lose her job on the commission, to which she was appointed by Governor West before he gave up the reins of office. The amendment provides that the law be administered by one commissioner instead of three.

New Library Books.

Boy Emigrants, Brooks; Pocahontas and Captain John Smith, Smith; Old-Fashioned Girl, Oleott; In the Days of Queen Elizabeth, Tappan; Anna Karenina, Tolstoy; Lash Boy, Van Dyke; Golden Road, Montgomery; Peacock Feather, Moore; Everybody's Birthright, Laughlin; Story of Marco, Porter; Ezekiel, Pratt; From an Island Outpost, Waller; Man on the Desert, Lutz; Harvest, Porter; History of the World, 5 volumes, Larned; war map.

Governor Signs Prohib. Bill.

"This is the greatest piece of legislation in the world. If the legislature had passed no other measure, the passage of the prohibition bill would justify the entire session."

With these words, Governor Withycombe on Wednesday endorsed substitute house bill 362, the prohibition bill, immediately after he had affixed his signature to it.

ORDINANCES OBSOLETE

THREE LAWS PASSED YEARS AGO WILL BE REPEALED.

Minor Doings of the Council at Its Regular Monthly Session Last Monday Night.

Three ordinances, intended to repeal three useless ordinances now in force, have been introduced in the council and will undoubtedly be passed upon second reading. One refers to the licensing and regulating of automobiles by the city, and providing penalties for violations. It was adopted long years ago and is obsolete. Another refers to empowering animals, and was passed in 1885. The third is ordinance No. 4, and was adopted in 1883.

The marshal has been instructed to notify the management of the skating rink that he must procure a moving picture license or cease operations. This place originally took out a movie license for a period of three months, but afterward sought to operate on the skating license, which was \$5 cheaper, charging for skates and giving the pictures free. The council holds that there must be a license for each amusement.

Marshal Chase has instructions to gather up all stray dogs, but is without authority as to their disposition, the law not giving him the right to kill or otherwise dispose of them. During the past few weeks he has gathered quite a number, taking them to his residence and tying them up in the rear yard. At a session of the council Monday night the ordinance committee was asked to make an amendment to the ordinance giving the officer authority to destroy the strays, and the alderman body so instructed.

Acting upon the suggestion of the auditor, the council will inaugurate an improvement campaign in the very near future that the work may be carried forth without unnecessary delay with the opening of the season. The auditor reminded the council that there is a considerable amount of red tape in connection with the work, and that the preliminaries should be looked after soon. It was decided that each alderman investigate conditions in his ward and report at a future meeting, when definite plans would be laid.

It having been reported that the Star Transfer company has a vicious horse in use on its dray line, Marshal Chase was instructed to see that the animal was kept muzzled for fear the animal might do injury to women and children. The marshal was also instructed to put a ban on roller skating on the hard-surface streets of the city, there being danger of the youngsters being hurt by passing vehicles.

The council was notified that the assignment made by James Chitty to James Middleton had been annulled by the latter, the purpose of the announcement having to do with the return of \$750 saloon license money due Chitty from the city.

Valentine Party.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Foster gave a valentine party at their home on Elm street to a number of Dallas "Newly Weds." The rooms were beautifully decorated with hearts, cupid and other appropriate symbols. The evening was spent playing games, after which a three-course luncheon was served. Those present, besides Dr. and Mrs. Foster, were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Price, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Lew S. Ballantyne, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Manock.

Auto Struck By Train.

On Wednesday morning as Albert Cadle, driving an auto delivery truck, started across the railroad at Church and Oak streets, the machine was struck broadside by the rear end of a freight train that was backing up. The auto skidded along sideways until the train could be stopped. It was a wonder that the machine didn't capsize. It was damaged slightly on the side that was struck and one wheel on the opposite side was smashed.

Trading Stamps Taxed.

A bill creating a revenue of five per cent tax on trading stamp firms, and stores and corporations using them, passed the house Tuesday and two hours later passed the senate unanimously.

"Uncle" George Celebrates.

Last Sunday about thirty relatives and friends of "Uncle" George Smith met at his home near Oak Grove to celebrate his eighty-second birthday.

anniversary. A delicious dinner was served and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all. All of his children and a number of the grandchildren were in attendance. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. Holt Crowley and daughter, Frank Coulter, Mrs. Charlie Whaley and two sons, Mrs. S. T. Smith and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith, Charlie Smith and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hodges and daughter, D. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Williamson, Stella, Vina, Seth, and George Smith.

Captures Wild Goose.

One night this week John G. Rempel, residing near this city, was awakened by a loud quacking in his yard. There being no domestic geese on his farm, he was filled with curiosity to learn the source of noise, and, investigating, he found a wild goose, which had been crippled by a hunter, endeavoring to get through the meshes of a woven wire fence. Rempel caught the bird with his hands, and now has it in a pen. It weighs 8½ pounds.

SOLONS EFFECT SAVING

APPROPRIATIONS \$700,000 LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO.

Committees Have Followed the Economy Program—Where the Money Appropriated Goes.

Appropriations of the present session of the legislature, according to estimates, will approximate \$6,036,913.73. The total appropriations of the 1913 session were \$6,733,462.08, and of the 1911 session \$4,744,336.36.

While the foregoing estimate is not the precise amount of appropriations that the legislature will authorize, it is believed that this figure is nearly correct.

Some members still insist on trimming the recommendations of the ways and means committee to fit the economy program, but the ways and means committee, it is generally conceded, has been more than economical and the consensus of opinion is that the two houses will have to accept the committee's report and pass the appropriation bills put up to them by the ways and means members. In that event the total appropriations will be precisely \$6,036,913.73, distributed as follows:

Continuing millage tax appropriations: University of Oregon, three-tenths mill, \$570,000; Oregon Agricultural college, four-tenths mill, \$760,000; Monmouth Normal school, one-twenty-fifth mill, \$78,000; county fairs, \$95,000; roads and highways, quarter mill, \$480,000; total, \$1,983,000.

In addition to this there has been appropriated \$128,000 for special agricultural experiment work.

Counties May Co-operate.

Counties are authorized to co-operate in the building of roads by senate bill 187, introduced by Hollis and Vinton, and which passed the house. Provision is made that the county courts of the counties desiring to co-operate shall meet in joint session and decide upon the route of the highway to be built, and the funds to be contributed by each.

This bill is intended to authorize Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook counties to join in the construction of a new highway through Polk county, thus shortening the distance to the coast.

Brought to Hospital.

Miss Katie Fisher, whose home is near Pedee, was brought to the Dallas hospital at 7 o'clock this morning, the ambulance having gone thither from Burk & Shepherd's livery stable last night drawn by four horses. The trip occupied the greater part of the night. Miss Fisher is supposed to be suffering from appendicitis, but whether an operation will be necessary had not been determined at the hour The Observer went to press this forenoon.

No Appointment Yet.

The state highway commission has taken no steps as yet to appoint a successor to Major Bowley, as state highway engineer. It was given out informally from the governor's office that it was mutually understood that no immediate action would be taken in the matter, but that time would be taken to make a thorough investigation of the field before appointing a new state engineer.

Work Now Under Way.

The work of remodeling the store building occupied by the Dallas Mercantile company is now well under way.

PAPERS ARE NOW FILED

HOP GROWERS' ASSOCIATION READY FOR BUSINESS.

Capital Stock of Corporation Fixed at \$150,000—Purposes for Which Organized.

Incorporation papers of the Hop Growers' association have been filed with the secretary of state, and the organization is now ready for business with Mr. E. V. D. Paul in the immediate management. Phil Mettschan, Sr., of Portland, William Bagley, J. R. Cartwright of Harrisburg, M. A. March of Halsey, and J. L. Clark of Springfield, are the incorporators of record of the Oregon Hop Growers' association, the duration of which will be perpetual.

The purposes for which it incorporates are to purchase and control real estate, buy and sell hops, hop twine, spraying materials, sulphur, baling cloth and all other supplies and implements necessary in the growing, cultivating, harvesting, curing and marketing of hops; to borrow money for the use and benefit of its members; to buy and contract for the sale of hops belonging to the stockholders; to loan upon and negotiate loans upon hops, baled and unbaled; to advance money for cultivating, harvesting, etc., of hops; to gather and circulate news in the interest of the growing and marketing of hops and do all things necessary for the success of the association.

The headquarters and place of business of the association will be maintained in Salem and the capital stock of the corporation is fixed at \$150,000, divided into 15,000 shares of the par value of \$10 each.

SOLDIERS DEFEAT HIGHS.

Shoot Thirty-Eight Baskets While Youth Get But Fourteen.

The militia basketball team won from the High school team Wednesday night by the score of 38 to 14. The game was fast and clean, only three fouls being called on both teams. The first half ended 22 to 6. The scoring was: High school, Baldere 3, Eakin 3, Preston 1. Militia: Boydston 7, Hayes 6, Gates 4, Farley 1, and Matheny 1.

The High school team will play Newberg High at Newberg tonight. Going by the score of the game here, the teams should just about play even. Captain Hoisington says his team will go into the game tonight with a determination to win. They have practiced hard all week and are in good condition. If Dallas can win this game, it will give them a good title to the championship of the Willamette valley. In case they lose to night they will have an even break with Newberg. Dallas High has won from Newberg on Newberg's floor for two seasons.

Clean-Up Day Proposed.

It is the purpose of Mayor Van Orsdel to name a clean-up day for the near future, and also to see to it that the city has a thorough renovating at that time. Numerous complaints have recently reached the council, and these nuisances have been ordered abated pending a general clean-up day a little later in the spring.

Sheriff Tax Collector.

It will entail great confusion, necessitating closing the tax office in the midst of the collecting season and will cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars if the emergency clause is attached to the bill transferring the collection of taxes from the county treasurer to the sheriff. This measure, to which an emergency clause was attached in the senate, has now passed both houses of the legislature and is in the hands of Governor Withycombe.

When the council meets next Monday evening a resolution providing that the question of bonding the city for the purchase of the water system be submitted to the people at a special election will be introduced, and probably carried. The aldermen have expressed themselves in favor of the purchase.

Two Real Estate Deals.

Two real estate transfers are reported by the McBee Land company, both in Dallas. W. G. Black sold a house and lot on Ash street to L. N. Cole, and Marian Syron sold a house and lot on Court to Mrs. Alva Kimes.

The Philologia society of the public schools held an interesting session Tuesday evening, with a large attendance.